

WILSON'S DECISION ON CANDIDATE HAS AIDED CAUSE OF PEERLESS LEADER CHOICE MUST COME SOON

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Washington, Feb. 7.—In one month the primaries for the election of delegates to the national convention will begin. In four months the Republican national convention will be held at Chicago.

Any one may be nominated at Chicago. Any one may be nominated at San Francisco. Wood, Harding and Lowden are the names most mentioned on the Republican side, but none of them has shown such strength as to make it unlikely that some one not now discussed, the Governor Allen of Kansas, or Governor Sproul, of Pennsylvania, will not be the candidate. Nor can you say any more than that of Hoover, McAdoo or Bryan, the three leading Democratic candidates, one will be surely nominated at San Francisco.

In the Democratic party this situation can not be allowed to run on much longer. President Wilson must pick in a few days, or the Democratic organization must pick for him, the man to stand against Bryan in the Democratic primaries. The imminent of the North and South Dakota primaries makes this imperative.

The situation in North Dakota developed at the meeting of the Democratic state convention at Fargo on Wednesday. A resolution was introduced declaring for William Bryan for President. This resolution was referred to a committee which substituted for it a resolution endorsing "the leadership of Woodrow Wilson and William Jennings Bryan."

It seems plain that had President Wilson taken himself out of the field for the Democratic nomination, the North Dakota Democratic State Convention would have endorsed Bryan for President.

Must Have Opponent for Bryan
Now, North Dakota will hold its presidential primaries on March 16. It will not be so easy to dispose of the Bryan candidacy in the primaries as it was in the convention.

The Democrats will have to have some one to beat Bryan in those primaries and in the primaries and in the primaries of Michigan, which occur one week later, and in the primaries of Wisconsin, which occur in April, and most important of all, Nebraska, the Peerless Leader's old home state. You cannot beat somebody with nobody. And Bryan is distinctly somebody.

In some states where Bryan threatens he may be headed off by the bringing forward of favorite sons. But to make an effective fight against Bryan, the Democrats—that is, the administration Democrats—must have a candidate. The decision of Mr. Wilson and his friends, which has presented Mr. McAdoo thus far from becoming an active candidate, is helping Bryan, just as the hesitation of the organization Republicans to bring forward their candidates in the early stages of the Republican contest gave Wood a flying start. The Bryan candidacy is giving concern.

The break in the primaries, favors Bryan somewhat. After New Hampshire, the first state, on March 9, come the two Dakotas on March 16 and 23. Both of these states are rather friendly to Bryan. If he should start off with an early primary endorsement he might in the present demoralized condition of his party soon be forming a formidable Democratic candidate.

Mr. Wilson just as it did in the Democratic convention in North Dakota. Until he takes himself out of the race Mr. McAdoo and Hoover can not become effective candidates. This problem is pressing upon Mr. McAdoo, who is the favorite of the Democratic machine since the weakening of the Palmer boom. And it is likely that a decision will be made soon as to whether Mr. McAdoo will go forward and seek nomination in the primaries, or withdraw from the race. Mr. McAdoo's candidacy is peculiarly handicapped by the fact that he is the president's son-in-law and cannot help but attract the attention of the public.

Mr. Wilson is embarrassed in making a decision. If he takes himself out of the race, he loses control of the political situation and in particular he loses control of the treaty situation in the Senate. The allies have just, in the words of Europe, "abandoned Wilson." The politicians will abandon Wilson once he ceases finally and definitely to be a public candidate. North Dakota would have abandoned Wilson for Bryan on Wednesday had the President been formally out of the race.

Primaries May Be Decisive Factor
The popular primaries may yet be the decisive factor in the campaign of both parties this year. In the Democratic party the early primaries will probably disclose the real strength of Bryan. After New Hampshire, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Nebraska, all early primary states, and all midwestern states with a leaning toward radicalism, have spoken. Wood will either be a great or a small figure in the Democratic party.

After New Hampshire, the two Dakotas and Michigan have spoken. Wood may be either a very great or a very small factor in the Republican party. The machine has made its plans to prevent the nomination of Bryan at any rate, to give him the nomination only upon its own terms. But the machine is intensely anxious to know just what the situation will be in the Dakotas, the Michigan, the Wisconsin and the Nebraska primaries. If Wood should show great popular strength in these primaries the whole situation would be changed. It would be Wood against the field and machine precautions might be swept aside. If Wood should not show popular strength in these primaries the Chicago convention would be open and the machine would choose whom in its discretion it thought best to choose.

Similarly, if Bryan should show strength in those early primaries all the administration's plans would be endangered. So Mr. Wilson must soon pick his candidate against Bryan.

F. Lexible Tightwad says: "Lots of men are just plain, ordinary stokers when they're home. What with shovelin' coal and payin' for it besides, they had better let me stop those air leaks between their window frames and walls and buy comfort cheap."

YAKUTS IN SIBERIA CURB TOKYO TROOPS

U. S. Marines Prevent Interference With Revolutionists at Vladivostok

RUSSIANS FLEE TO JAPAN

By the Associated Press
London, Feb. 7.—American marines at Vladivostok intervened when Japanese soldiers attempted to prevent revolutionary troops from capturing General Rozanov, Russian governor general, when the city was taken by the Reds, according to a Vladivostok dispatch to the Mail.

The message, which was dated last Sunday, stated General Rozanov finally escaped and took refuge on a Japanese cruiser in the harbor. Describing the capture of the city, the correspondent says the first revolutionists entered by stealth, seized the street railroad and used the cars to carry them up the main street to the house occupied by General Rozanov. When they tried to surround the building the Japanese blocked the way, but the officer of an American marine detachment announced he would not permit interference. The Japanese then withdrew, and all foreign forces thereafter observed a neutral attitude.

Tokio, Feb. 7.—(By A. P.)—Russian officers who have been serving at Vladivostok under the command of General Rozanov, have arrived with their families in Tsu-ruga harbor, on the southern coast of Japan. They were on board two Russian warships, which entered port Tuesday and their arrival, which was unharmed, appears to indicate an exodus of Russians from the eastern part of Siberia.

RUSSO-BRITISH PEACE PARLEY IS REPORTED

Stockholm, Feb. 7.—(By A. P.)—Peace negotiations between Great Britain and Soviet Russia are now in progress, according to a statement which the Svenska Dagbladet attributes to Adolph Joffe before his departure from Dorpat, where he headed the Bolshevik peace delegation.

Warsaw, Feb. 7.—(By A. P.)—Peace overtures by the Soviet government of Russia will be considered by the Polish Government, according to a dispatch sent yesterday to M. Lehtinen, Bolshevik foreign minister, by Stanislaus Patek, Polish minister of foreign affairs. M. Patek's reply follows: "The Polish Government acknowledges the receipt of the wireless declaration of the government of the Russian Soviet Republic dated January 29, 1920. That declaration will be considered and the answer will be communicated to the Russian Soviet government."

M. Patek said the Allies would willingly give Poland any necessary directions in possible peace negotiations. He added that the allied governments seem to favorably consider the Russian peace policy announced by Premier Lloyd George. Premier Millerand, of France, is asserted to be thoroughly in accord with Mr. Lloyd George.

London, Feb. 7.—(By A. P.)—Bolshevik forces are advancing along the shore of the Black Sea twenty miles northeast of Odessa, according to a Moscow statement today.

DANES ARE CONFIDENT

Schleswig Excited on Eve of Plebiscite—Influx of Voters
Tondern, Feb. 7.—(By A. P.)—Nonresident voters eligible to participate in the plebiscite to determine the future status of the province of Schleswig are expected to arrive tomorrow. German adherents are assembling at Hamburg, whence they will come by train, while Danes will be brought to this city by ship from Copenhagen. Germans say they will bring in about 35,000 persons, while the Danes assert they expect 19,000.

Schleswig, the rest of Germany, is living on a ration basis and the influx of so many thousands will tax the country's resources. Tondern, which has a population of about 10,000, will provide for 1400 visitors, who will be lodged in hotels and private homes.

Anxiety over the result of the voting is almost as intense here as it is in Flensburg. The town falls just within the first zone, which is strongly Danish and where the "blood" system of counting is expected to nullify the big majority confidently claimed by the Germans in this city. In spite of the strong feeling existing on each side, there have been no disorders so far and British troops on guard here have found little to do. The restraint shown by adults, however, is not followed by children, who are constantly fighting.

Coroner Probes New Yorker's Death
Los Angeles, Feb. 7.—(By A. P.)—Unusual conditions surrounding the death of a New Yorker, Leon C. Riggs, wealthy restaurateur of New York city, have caused announcement by the county coroner that he will conduct an investigation and will hold an inquest Monday.

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SHOVELS SNOW WITH ONE ARM



This photograph shows the city's champion snow shoveler, Bernard Winfield, who has only one arm, clearing the thoroughfare at Ninth and Market streets. Despite his physical handicap, Winfield, who was in training at Camp Meade and lost his arm while working at Hog Island, has shoveled snow for forty-two hours in the last three days. In the picture the missing member is shown, also Winfield's method of working. With a rope around his neck, the other end is attached to the shovel which he handles with astonishing ease and speed with his single arm.

CHAMPION SNOW SHOVELER HAS ONLY ONE ARM, BUT—

He Worked Forty-two Hours During the Last Three Days Helping to Clear Streets in Central Part of City

One armed—and still a champion snow shoveler, who asks no union hours and appears tireless!

Bernard Winfield came to the aid of Chief Hepburn, of the Bureau of Street Cleaning, in the same prompt and unhesitating fashion that he responded to the call of Uncle Sam during the war. For three days this one-armed indefatigable worker has helped clean the streets in the center of the city. At Ninth and Market streets today he was still hard at work tunneling through drifts and throwing the snow into contractors' carts. Inspector Morris Kanner, of the Bureau of Street Cleaning, declared that he had no better worker on his staff. Forty-two hours of work in the last three days is Winfield's record.

Winfield wears a rope around his neck, on one end of which is attached the end of his shovel. Pushing the shovel with the aid of the rope arrangement, he lifts it with his left hand and, with a peculiar motion, scoops up the snow. Winfield, who lives at 1127 Spruce street, was formerly attached to Company D, 31st Infantry, at Camp Meade. He was discharged from the service because of illness. His right arm was cut off at the shoulder in an accident at Hog Island in 1918, where he was working at the time.

CHINA IN DILEMMA

Uncertain Whether to Negotiate With Japan on Shantung
Peking, Feb. 7.—(By A. P.)—Japan's proposal to open negotiations with China for the return of Shantung province has placed the government in a dilemma, according to Dr. Yen Hwey-Ling, counselor of the foreign office, who has returned from Paris with Foreign Minister Lu Cheng-Hsiang. The acceptance of the Japanese proposal is objected to by provincial authorities, student bodies, chambers of commerce and various guilds, but a refusal, besides endangering the good relations of the two countries, Doctor Yen pointed out, would necessarily mean the indefinite postponement of the province's restoration. The submission of the controversy to the League of Nations does not appeal to the counselor, because of the present intangible status of that

BUILDING SOCIETIES BOOM

Forty-eight, With \$75,000,000 Capital, Authorized Last Month
Harrisburg, Feb. 7.—(By A. P.)—Forty-eight building and loan associations were chartered by the state during January, establishing a record. The authorized capital was more than \$75,000,000. This is far ahead of the authorizations ever known in any previous month.

Thirty-six of the associations were chartered for Philadelphia with an aggregate capitalization of \$85,000,000. Six had capital authorizations of \$5,000,000 each, while one had \$4,000,000. Four were chartered for Allegheny county with a capital of \$2,700,000, two being for \$1,000,000 each. Eight were incorporated for the state outside of Philadelphia and Allegheny, with an aggregate capitalization of \$9,000,000. Four of these were in counties adjacent to Philadelphia.

American College Professors Responsible for Parlor Socialism?

This question is raised in the February number of the Sea Power magazine, which sharply criticizes the teachings of certain American Political Economists. The same number contains an exposition of the

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CONFEREES FAVOR 51-2 P. C. FOR ROADS

Senate and House Members Now in Agreement on All Points on Rail Measure

TO RUSH BILL'S ENACTMENT

By the Associated Press
Washington, Feb. 7.—A return of 5 1/2 per cent on the aggregate value of the railroads will be guaranteed by the government for a period of two years, under an agreement reached today by the Senate and House conferees on the railroad bill.

In announcing the agreement today, Chairman Cummings, of the Senate managers, said the rewritten section provided that after the two-year period the percentage of return would be fixed by the Interstate Commerce Commission, which would be authorized to fix rates so as to yield that return. Will Rush Measure
Conferees have now reached agreement on all points. Senator Cummings said their report probably would be ready for Congress by February 15. Leaders hope to complete final enactment of the bill before the railroads are returned to private control on March 1.

The aggregate value of the properties used in transportation would be determined by the Interstate Commerce Commission, according to the bill, the determination being by districts. These districts would be used as groups for rate-making and in territories where the roads earned an equivalent of the 5 1/2 per cent, the rates would be raised to make up a deficit in districts where the roads failed to earn the 5 1/2 per cent.

The commission has completed the final physical valuation of only three roads and the tentative valuations of only 50. The outstanding capitalization and bonded indebtedness of all the roads amount to approximately \$19,000,000,000, on which a 5 1/2 per cent return would be \$1,045,000,000. Distribution of earnings in excess of the guaranteed return also is provided in the bill. One half of 1 per cent would be available for unproductive improvements. Fifty per cent of the excess over 6 per cent would go to the roads earning such excess, while the remaining half would be put into a contingent fund administered by the commission and used to purchase equipment for rental to the weaker roads which also could obtain loans from the fund.

Divorce by Request in Petrograd
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\$100,000 FIRE AT PEN ARGYL

Barn and Trolley Cars of Slate Belt Road Destroyed
Easton, Pa., Feb. 7.—More than \$100,000 damage was done by a fire which early today burned to the ground the car-barn of the Slate Belt Electric Street Railway Co., at Pen Argyl, together with eight trolley cars.

The company has left only one passenger car, a freight car and a snow-plow, but expects to resume operations as soon as the snow can be cleared from its line by renting cars from other companies. The fire started from a short-circuit caused by insulation being burned off a wire in one of the cars.

SULLA VERTENZA ITALO-JUGOSLAVA

Francia ed Inghilterra Sincera mente Disposte all'Esecuzione del Trattato di Londra

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Roma, 6 febbraio.—Nei circoli della Conferenza della Pace si spera che se gli jugoslavi accetteranno le proposte dell'Italia per la sistemazione della questione Adriatica, gli Italiani non sono considerate vitali. Si apprende che quando i Ministri di Francia ed Inghilterra a Belgrado hanno consegnato copia del trattato di Londra al Governo Jugoslavo, hanno fatto chiaramente intendere che, qualora non sarebbero accettate le proposte dell'Italia, il patto di Londra verrebbe ad avere piena esecuzione.

Pare che il Governo francese e quello inglese siano d'accordo nella determinazione di applicare senza riguardi e senza tentennamenti il trattato di Londra, qualora la Jugoslavia insistesse nel suo proposito di compromesso per la questione Adriatica. Terzi erano luogo un lungo Consiglio di Ministri per approvare le dichiarazioni che l'On. Nitti farà oggi alla Camera. Prima di detto Consiglio l'On. Nitti ha avuto un colloquio con il capo di gabinetto di Gabriele D'Annunzio, maggiore Claretta. Vivissima aspettativa si nota per le comunicazioni che il Presidente del Consiglio di Ministri, On. Nitti, farà alla Camera sulla politica estera e si spera che esse rechino luce sulle questioni internazionali che tanto agitano la nostra vita nazionale.

Molti deputati hanno presentato delle interpellanze sulla politica estera e tra queste figurano quelle dei deputati Federzoni, Pasqualino Vassallo, Bevilacqua e Sen Benelli. L'ex-deputato Mondello Giacomo ha lasciato Roma per gli Stati Uniti, con una speciale missione del Governo Italiano. Egli reca cordiazioni come Ministro Plenipotenziario al mandato affidato al On. Mondello.

TELLS OF CASHBOX IN NEWBERRY CASE

Fashionably Gowned Stenographer in Campaign Headquarters on Witness Stand

TRIAL MAKES PROGRESS

By the Associated Press
Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 7.—Mrs. Annabelle Hamilton, one of the head stenographers in the Newberry campaign headquarters in Detroit, testified today in the election conspiracy trial of the Michigan senator and 122 others.

Fashionably gowned, gloved, hatted and veiled, Mrs. Hamilton answered questions by counsel for nearly two hours. She told about a cash box in the office vault of the Detroit campaign headquarters, said she had secured direction of letters written to Truman H. Newberry by B. Frank Emery and related that mail for Paul King, campaign manager, was forwarded to the same postoffice box in New York to which mail for the senatorial candidate was addressed.

Mrs. Hamilton also related a conversation with William J. Mickel, of Ashkosh, Wis., the Democratic defendant, who is alleged to have been hired by the Newberry campaigners to get a candidate in the Democratic primary ticket in opposition to Henry Ford. She said Mickel told her he was going to "find

TO SELL HAPSBURG JEWELS

Austria Has Already Disposed of Ex-Monarch's Personal Property
Geneva, Feb. 7.—(By A. P.)—Austria has received 250,000,000 kronen from the sale of former Emperor Charles's personal property, according to advices from Prangins, where the erstwhile monarch is residing. Jewels, works of art and valuable objects belonging to Charles remain to be sold. Hapsburg family still remain to be sold and are said to be valued at several billion kronen. Proceeds from them will be used to exercise the strictest economy, but still has not said some day he may become king of Hungary, despite opposition from the Allies.

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